

been and continues to be dynamic, progressive, and energetic, overcoming every challenge it faces. Chapter members have had a strong voice in many national and local legislative issues.

The Springfield Chapter approaches all issues in a realistic and humanitarian manner. Its members have worked tirelessly for the benefits of Federal retirees and all elderly, cooperating with local, State, and Federal agencies to do so.

While Chapter 893 always has placed emphasis on fulfilling primary NARFE functions, its members have not neglected local community needs. Chapter 893 members have volunteered countless hours at hospitals, libraries, blood drives, meals on wheels, and local elections. Beginning in 1987, Chapter members most generously have contributed to Alzheimer's Research, the charity of choice by NARFE nationwide. They participate in dollars and miles to the local area Alzheimer's Memory Walk, bringing in roughly \$1,000 each year.

Over the course of its successful history, the Springfield Chapter has benefited from many dynamic, accomplished leaders. Several past presidents have been elected as officers or appointed committee chairs of the NARFE Virginia Federation of Chapters. Others have served in civic, professional, or fraternal organizations locally. Most notable are the accomplishments of past presidents David F. Sullivan, Vincent Agnelli, and Milton Kramer. Past President Sullivan was elected NARFE National Secretary in 2000 and 2002. Past President Agnelli served on an ad hoc committee influential in the 1993 Virginia State Supreme Court litigant tax refund issue. And Past President Kramer played a major role in organizing the Northern Virginia Caucus of Chapters.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Chapter 893 on 40 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chapter members' past accomplishments and in wishing Chapter 893 the best of luck in the many years to come.

PASSAGE OF S. 877 BY UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT ON DECEMBER 8, 2003

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 877—the CAN SPAM Act of 2003—and urge my colleagues to accept the technical changes made by the Senate. I also rise in an effort to provide clarification for our nation's professional, trade, and non profit associations who may be unintentional victims of the Congress's efforts to control the fraudulent and abusive practices of spam email through the CAN-SPAM Act.

Trade associations have long provided representation for most of America's industries such as telecommunications, insurance, banking, realty, and transportation, just to name a few. Individuals or businesses that opt to join these associations do so in large part because of the outstanding benefits afforded to them, including reduced professional insurance pre-

miums, continuing education opportunities, legislative awareness seminars, and conventions. While most of these opportunities are offered at a price, the cost is set at a greatly reduced rate than might otherwise be offered to non-members, primarily to offset operating costs, but also as a means of contribution to the furtherance of the association's non-profit status.

As a matter of expediency, trade associations often communicate with their membership through email, as this method is the fastest, most convenient, and most cost-effective process for both the associations themselves and the members with whom the associations communicate. These emails are a valuable element of membership privileges agreed to by the member upon joining, as they keep the member apprised of upcoming events, industry-related products, and legislative alerts. These emails are restricted to circulation within the membership only, and excluding the general public. It is my belief that association members have essentially opted-in to the receipt of these emails by virtue of their membership, and that these emails would fall under the definition of "transactional emails" that S. 877 contains. Therefore, email between a professional or trade association and its members should be a protected and mutually agreed-to line of communication and is hence not included in the definition of spam in the CAN SPAM Act of 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to call attention to Section 5(a)(3)(C), which provides an exception for not being able to receive the commonly-referred-to "unsubscribe messages" from commercial email recipients in circumstances where there are technical problems beyond the control of the sender. Although I'm sure that legitimate commercial email senders will make every effort to fully comply with the stipulations of this bill and receive unsubscribe emails whenever they are sent, I believe that the authors of this legislation understand that there may be short periods of time during which the sender is unable to receive unsubscribe messages because of necessary technical maintenance to the email systems receiving such unsubscribe messages.

Additionally, where Section 7(b) of the bill provides that banking agencies have enforcement authority over their respective financial services providers, it is my hope that the Federal Trade Commission will coordinate with the various regulators of banking agencies in its efforts to implement the rules called for in this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased with the important bill we have before us today. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this consumer protection and anti-fraud bill, and to quickly send it to the President for his signature.

HONORING FAIRFAX COUNTY  
BRANCH OF THE NAACP FOR  
THEIR COMMEMORATION OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfax County Branch of

the NAACP for their effort to honor one of our nation's most treasured heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Together with members from throughout our community, the Fairfax County NAACP has used the anniversary of Dr. King's birthday to commemorate the life and legacy of this great American.

The Fairfax County NAACP has used the teachings and life of Dr. King as inspiration to end the hatred of racism throughout the county and to celebrate the diversity that is common to this vibrant community. Through their efforts they have helped those who have faced discrimination find justice and have encouraged everyone to envision a world without intolerance.

It is important that we honor and celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. King and how he helped our nation deal with the hatred that had threatened to destroy us. By coming together to celebrate his birthday we are honoring a man who gave our nation a new hope that we can all live together. I am certain the celebration that the Fairfax County NAACP is hosting will do justice to the legacy of this great man.

However, we must celebrate what Dr. King taught us not just on his birthday, but every day. Every American should take the time to help their neighbor, enlighten a friend whose mind has been clouded with prejudice, and commit their lives to making the United States the true beacon of justice in the world. We must continue to live by the words of Martin Luther King and "make justice a reality for all of God's children."

We must all strive to achieve the dream that Dr. King imagined for his children, so that our children's children will live in a world free from racism, discrimination and hatred.

I applaud the Fairfax County NAACP for hosting this commemoration of Dr. King's life, a life cut short, but whose ideas, dreams and hopes continue to inspire our lives every day. I am pleased that they are using this opportunity to bring a beacon of light and hope to our community and share the legacy of Dr. King.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEOPLES  
BANK ON 94TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of Peoples Bank throughout its 94 years of service in the Northwest Indiana community. To commemorate this special occasion, Peoples Bank will be holding an anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Peoples Bank was established in 1910, and was organized to meet the needs of consumers. Peoples Bank was originally known as The First Polish National Building and Loan Association. During that time, it was the main hub for church and social activities in East Chicago, Indiana. Over several decades, the association's name changed numerous times, and in 1989 it was entitled Peoples Bank.